

# ***AGENDA***

## ***Sister Cities Commission***

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Thursday, August 23, 2007  
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.  
7:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: July 26, 2007**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**

New member: Nolan Chen, Alternate 2  
Oliver Wan, moved from Alternate 1 to regular voting member seat  
Maria Magdalena Ortega, moved from Alternate 2 to Alternate 1 seat

## **VII. Public Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

## **VIII. Old Business**

### **1. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP**

**Background:** Huizhou is investigating a student visit to Milpitas this year. A date has not yet been announced. Lead Commissioner Grilli will provide a status report.

**Recommendation:** Receive verbal report from lead Commissioner Grilli.

### **2. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILLIPINES: SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP**

**Background:** The Chair of the Dagupan Committee on Local and International Relations has requested that Dagupan send an official delegation to 1) officially sign the new agreement extending the sister city relations with Milpitas, 2) acquaint recently elected and appointed Dagupan officials with Milpitas officials and, 3) learn and observe how Milpitas conducts e-governance and implements the Open Government Ordinance.

**Recommendation:** Receive verbal report from co-lead commissioner Grilli.

### **3. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP**

**Background:** Vice Chair Arthur will report on the recent visit of a delegation from Tsukuba.

**Recommendation:** Receive verbal report from lead Vice Chair Arthur.

### **4. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH**

**Background:** Commissioner Arefi is continuing research on the potential for a western European sister city.

**Recommendation:** Receive update from Lead Commissioner Arefi.

### **5. CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

**Background:** The annual Norcal Sister Cities International Conference will be held Saturday, October 20, 2007 in Pacifica, California. Registration is \$45.00 per person. The Commission has \$175 in the approved budget for miscellaneous expenses.

**Recommendation:** Discuss whether the Commission should send any representative(s) to the conference and direct staff as appropriate.

### **6. STUDENT PARTICIPATION IDEAS**

**Background:** This item was added to the agenda to discuss ideas to generate more student participation in Sister City visits.

**Recommendation:** Discuss and direct staff as appropriate.

## **IX. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

## **X. SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT**

## **Xi. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
  - i. Huizhou City, China
  - ii. Dagupan City, Philippines
  - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
2. Western European Sister City Research

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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